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HOW DISCUSSED AT WASHINGTON.

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On Monday there were certainly two lines of blockaders found at the entrance to Charleston when the rebel rams came forth. It is supposed at the Navy Department that the outer line was not touched, it being seven miles from smooth water, and too far for the rams to venture.

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The Governor sent a message to both branches of the Legislature this morning, urging them to adopt a plan which he submitted, to provide means for the prompt payment of Indiana troops every sixty days. He proposes that the money be advanced to the Federal paymasters every sixty days, the Government to reimburse the State as soon thereafter as possible. It also provides that any officer or soldier may, by means of an allotment card, assign any portion of his pay to his family or friends in this State, and that they may draw the same from the State Treasurer through the Treasurer of the county in which they may reside, or allow it to remain in the State Treasury as a deposit for safekeeping. The plan is quite simple and would result in incalculable benefit to the cause and relieve, to a very great extent, the suffering among the families of our gallant boys now in the field.

It was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, without debate.

The Senate passed the morning in the discussion of some judicial question, but could not raise a quorum this afternoon.

The House passed the morning in the introduction of bills of a local character, and the afternoon in making buncombe speeches to prove that the fifty Democratic members of the House were not traitors.

Col. Wilder's brigade is now at Nashville being mounted on mules. He has a battery of light mountain howitzers, and a train of 600 pack mules.

The Governor has published an appeal to the citizens of the State, asking them to contribute potatoes, onions corn meal and dried fruits for the use of sick and wounded Indiana troops at the various hospitals. They should be packed in barrels, well hooped and headed up, and shipped to Wm. Hannamen, President of the Sanitary Commission, Indianapolis, by whom they will be faithfully distributed. The various railroad and express companies in this State will carry goods contributed free of charge.

The following are the latest appointments and promotions:

SIXTH REGIMENT.—Lieut. Col. George F. Dick to be Colonel vice Hamilton; Major Jasper M. Dresser to be Lieut. Colonel.

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FROM LANSING.

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LANSING, Mich., Feb. 6, 1863.

Quite a number of new bills have been introduced both in the Senate and House during the past two days.

The bill appropriating $10,000 in aid of sick, wounded and disabled Michigan soldiers passed the Senate to-day, with several amendments regarding the disbursements of the money. The Governor is empowered to appoint two or more persons—as many as in his discretion may be necessary—to carry out the objects of the act. The compensation of such agents shall be two dollars per day, exclusive of traveling and other necessary expenses. As the amendments do not affect the material objects of the bill, they will doubtless be concurred in.

In the House, the bill to legalize the action of townships, wards, &c., in raising bounty money for volunteers, was discussed for some time and referred to the proper committee for amendment.

The special order was then reached, being the resolution on the State of the Federal Union.

Mr. Barnes of Ingham, a Democrat, but a little tender-footed on the position occupied by the Copperheads, concluded his speech in opposition to the resolution. It was plausible, but not strong.

Hon. B. M. Williams of Van Buren followed, and delivered the most consecutive, argumentative and telling speech of the session. He swept the sophistries of Vallandigham away like cobwebs and annihilated the secession heresies of E. G. Morton, who had the floor some days ago. He showed up modern Democracy, as expounded by its self-appointed leaders, in its true light. The opponents of the Administration were ill at ease throughout his speech, while its friends could not refrain from frequent cheers.

Rev. Bishop Simpson, of the M. E. Church, preaches to-night. His former sermon produced a great desire to hear him again, and he consented to remain and gratify the desire for the benefit of the Church.

The Republican members of the Legislature from the Second Judicial District, comprising the counties of Branch, St. Joseph, Berrien and Cass, have called a Convention to meet at Constantine, March 10th, to nominate a candidate for Judge of said Circuit.

ARMY OF THE FRONTIER.

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ST. LOUIS, Feb. 6, 1863.

A movement of the army of the frontier was ordered several days ago which was supposed to be directed toward Little Rock, but when the troops were already to start the order was countermanded.

General Blunt's division is now at Crane Creek, Totten's is at Flat Creek, and Herron's is at Fayetteville, all within forty-five miles of Springfield.

Bloomfield, which was taken by the enrolled militia last week and evacuated next day, has been re-occupied by rebel guerillas, who are arresting Union men as hostages for guerillas taken prisoners at Bloomfield. When last held by the Union troops a detachment of the 12th Missouri cavalry had been ordered to release the Union men.

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Committees of Conference have been appointed by the friends and opponents of B. Gratz Brown to make some compromise on a candidate for Senator. Anti-Brown men offer to vote for the new man to be named by Brown's friends. The prospects for a compromise looks favorable.

From New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Contraband goods having reached the Rebels from this city, through the West, the Government ordered no goods to be shipped hence to the West, without special permission to the Custom House.

The Pirate Alabama.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Bermuda papers of the 30th ult., received, state that a brig spoke to the Alabama Jan. 15th, in latitude 26 deg. 45 min., longitude 63 deg. 56 min.

Cedar and White Oak, in Mahaska county, had a meeting last week, at which they passed resolutions in substance, threatening to resist by force the United States authority, under the Administration of President Lincoln.

There is sufficient loyalty in old Mahaska to keep the secessionists from attempting to execute their threat.

There is to be an immense demonstration in Wapello county on the 14th inst, at which Senator Wright of Indiana is to be one of the speakers.

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The Illinois and Michigan Canal.

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The friends of the canals hope to bring on a vote by to-morrow evening at the farthest. They express do doubts of the result.

John D. Defrees, Superintendent of the Government Printing Office, expresses the opinion that the abolition of the paper duty would save $100,000 in his office next year.

Secretary Chase gives the whole imports from duties on all kinds of paper, writing as well as printing, at less than $50,000. Thus for the sake of securing this income, of less than $50,000, the Government is submitting to an extra expense in its own printing of $100,000.

The Ways and Means Committee say their principal objection to repealing the duty is that it is setting a bad precedent, and that a hundred other interests will be coming at once and claiming similar legislation.

An appropriation has been agreed on in the Ways and Means and Finance Committees for compiling a register for volunteer forces and statistics thereof. It is understood that the Secretary of War will confide this important work to George B. Smith, late of the CHICAGO TRIBUNE, and formerly of the Springfield, Mass., *Republican*.

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COTTON GORMANDIZERS COME TO GRIEF.

Matters Military—Cotton Burning—Guerillas, &c., &c.

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Thomas H. Yeatman, Special Agent of the Treasury Department, to-day, seized 108 bales and thirty-seven bags of cotton brought up from below Helena in violation of special orders. The cotton is said to be the property of Compton & Ranger; but rumor says that high military authorities are part owners, and Gorman is mentioned.

Certainly Gorman's skirts have long borne the imputation of a secret co-partnership with Ranger, a Jew, owning the steamer Evansville, and Col. Compton, who runs that craft. Certainly, also, the Evansville has been notoriously the recipient of trading facilities, under Gorman's special orders, denied to other steamers. The Government may gain by looking into Gorman's *gormandizing* operations in cotton.

J. E. Morrimon will probably be appointed our postmaster.

Lieut. Wildies, of Rosecrans's staff, who was mentioned in the official report of the Arkansas Post affair for gallant conduct on the field, has been detached for duty on the signal corps.

The *Argus* of the 4th has the following regarding guerillas: Guerilla work is still progressing at Fort Pillow, and the section of country back of that point. On Saturday night, a band of these gentry commanded by a man named Cushman, of Lauderdale county, numbering only fifteen or twenty, stopped two wagons four miles back of the fort, and burned eight or ten bales of cotton being taken to the river. They turned the teams and owners back.

On Friday night the same party overhauled a raft containing twenty-five bales, crossing the Hatchie River, ordered the men accompanying it home, and destroyed the cotton and raft. This occurred about ten miles from the fort.

A cotton buyer from Indiana was captured by guerillas a few miles from the Mississippi, in the same neighborhood, one day last week, and relieved of a supply of greenbacks.

Cushman has been operating in that portion of West Tennessee for several months, and thus far has received no check. He is a guerilla in a generally accepted sense of the term, and has destroyed a large quantity of cotton during the past three months.

CAIRO, Feb. 6.—The steamer Hillman has just arrived from Memphis with yesterday morning's dates. They contain nothing of importance. The *Argus* says that $13,000,000 in greenbacks had arrived, and is to be used in paying the soldiers, and for other Government expenses.

The steamer Kenton had arrived from Helena, but brought nothing later from Grant's army. Cotton speculators at Memphis are very sick over their recent sky-rocket performances.

FROM THE GULF.

THE REBEL ARMY AT PORT HUDSON.

IMPORTANT FROM THE COAST OF TEXAS.

Rebels Claim Further Successes.

LATEST NEWS FROM MEXICO.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The steamer Roanoke, from New Orleans the 28th and Havana the last, arrived this evening.

New Orleans news is very meagre.

The *Delta* says accounts from the rebel army at Port Hudson and elsewhere show a most deplorable state of affairs among them. The men only being kept from mutiny by promises of peace during Sixty days. Conscription among the rebels is rather dangerous, as over twenty conscripts have been shot while endeavoring to raise men.

The regular Havana letter of the 31st contains New Orleans dates of the 28th, but nothing of importance. Seige trains were at Vera Cruz, without which the French do not hope to take Puebla. Small pox is shading. Nothing reliable relative to the Alabama or Florida.

It is rumored that the Alabama had received four shots from the Hatteras, and that she has arrived at Port Royal, Jamaica, whence she took her prisoners, and where she will stop to repair.

The British gunboat Rinaldo arrived at Havana from Galveston, bringing an extra of the Houston *Telegraph* of the 30th ult., containing accounts of the capture off Sabine Pass of the Federal brig Morning Light, and an unknown schooner on the 31st, by an expedition from the Magruder fleet. The following are the rebel dispatches:

SABINE PASS, TEXAS, ON BOARD C. S. GUNBOAT DAVIS, Jan. 24, 1863.

CAPTAIN: We met the enemy this morning in the Gulf of Mexico, whipped them and brought everything to Sabine Pass. I fought him ten guns to our one. We have captured two vessels, one a full-rigged ship, and the other a schooner, and 12 guns, medical stores, ammunition in abundance, and 100 prisoners. Come here waiting further orders.

(Signed) O. M. WATKINS,
Maj. Com'd'g Sabine.

To Capt. E. P. Turner, A. A. G.

SABINE PASS, Jan. 21, 1863.

To E. P. Turner, A. A. G.:

I engaged the enemy to-day, captured 13 guns, about a million dollars worth of property, and 100 prisoners.

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Maj. Com'd'g.

Magruder, on the 4th, proclaimed Galveston open to commerce, but Commodore Bell issued a proclamation on the 20th declaring Galveston, Sabine Pass and the whole coast of Texas under actual blockade, and warning all vessels from trading, under penalty of capture. Nothing confirmatory of the capture of the pirate Florida is received from Havana.

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The *Argus* says that $13,000,000 in greenbacks had arrived, and is to be used in paying the soldiers, and for other Government expenses.

The steamer Kenton had arrived from Helena, but brought nothing later from Grant's army. Cotton speculators at Memphis are very sick over their recent sky-rocket performances.

FROM THE GULF.

THE REBEL ARMY AT PORT HUDSON.

IMPORTANT FROM THE COAST OF TEXAS.

Rebels Claim Further Successes.

LATEST NEWS FROM MEXICO.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The steamer Roanoke, from New Orleans the 28th and Havana the last, arrived this evening.

New Orleans news is very meagre.

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Chicago Tribune.

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CAN'T BE CONQUERED.

The New York *Evening Post*, in response to the frequent assertion made in the North, that the South cannot be conquered, refers to France, and the history of events concerning her, from 1813 to the present time. France, one of the most powerful of modern nations—then, in warlike resources, infinitely superior to the Confederate States—submitted to the conquest of the Allies, who dictated not only the terms but the form of Government and the King by whom the French should be ruled. And the domination thus established continued down to 1851, and then the change was one of dynasty, not of institutions. Here is an example and a modern one too—one that touches a people pre-eminently distinguishable for their valor and for their power in the field,—with which the croakers who are sure that the task of conquering the South is hopeless, ought to be content. But as the assertion which the *Post* combats is one that is easily made sure by those in whose the "wish is father to the thought," any number of instances would fail either to silence or convince them. The doubters will be wiser by and by.

BACKING DOWN.

We are glad to hear from New York that the lunkerism of that city, always so ready to take sides with the pro-slavery Democracy, are thoroughly alarmed by the violent and treasonable demonstrations of the Copperheads whom they have assisted to power and place. They see an attempt at a new revolution—a revolution right here at home—in the motions that Wood & Co. are making; and they are hauling back with unfeigned alarm from the brink of that fearful precipice upon which they stand. They are wise; and men hereaway who, unlike the Copperhead leaders have anything to lose, will do well to follow their example.

MR. CHASE'S PLAN.

There is evidently a popular notion against the plan of Finance that the House Committee of Ways and Means has put before Congress and the country; and as the alteration of that plan is Mr. Chase's scheme for establishing banks of issue upon government securities as a basis, there is a yearning liking for, or rather a disposition to accept of, what the Secretary of the Treasury proposes. We have carefully studied Mr. Chase's ideas, have examined his facts, and have followed his reasoning out to its legitimate conclusion, and we should not be honest to ourselves if we failed to say, that, though his proposed system is immeasurably preferable to the plan which receives most favor in the House, it has grave objections that have hitherto caused the TRIBUNE to withhold its support. First, it fails to act with sufficient compulsory power upon existing banks—they have an option to accept his terms or to keep on under the authority of State laws, almost wholly untaxed. This should not be. A swinging tax law which would at once compel them to do business on the new basis or to wind up, is the complement of the plan which is defective without it. Second, the time required to bring the plan into operation seems to us far too long. The legislation, whatever that may amount to, is for the present time. The national exchequer cannot afford to wait the slow sale of bonds for banking purposes, the tardy motions of engravers engaged in the preparation of bonds, and the necessary delays incident before opening shop. The want is immediate; and if we are not mistaken, the larger part of a year will elapse before it can be met. But these are matters of detail which may be amended. The principle upon which Mr. Chase acts, is, if we are to have banks at all, the correct one. A Philadelphia paper—the *Bulletin*, always a respectable authority—sums up on the other side, the advantages thus:

First. A currency equally well known, popular and uniform, from Oregon to Maine.

Second. A special support of the Government in every city and town of this vast country—as agency at once safe, economical and, under our present circumstances, absolutely indispensable.

Third. A medium by which the Government can discount its temporary loans, as follows: By the sale of millions to the banks themselves as a basis of their circulation, and afterwards by means of those banks, or agents, to the people, who are only awaiting such an opportunity to come and pour in their means to aid in supporting their Government.

Fourth. The Secretary sees in this plan the only practicable mode of returning to a specie basis. Without this measure, we may remain under a state of suspension as long as did the Bank of England at one period. With this measure, there is no obstacle whatever to a return to specie payments so soon as military successes shall show conclusively that the end of the rebellion is at hand.

Fifth. The practical curtailment and withdrawal of present bank circulation, and the establishment of the business of the country upon a sound and unfluctuating basis.

We are by no means so sanguine as the *Bulletin*; but anything that promises even by indirection, to arrest the storm of evils which the House bill contains, we shall be happy to accept. If Mr. Chase's plan is the only one, by all means let it go through and do its promised work.

Again we entreat members of Congress to be wary what they do. In their hands are a military triumph, a restoration of the Union, sound national credit, and the prosperity of the people. They hold in a token by all rising and repeating it together. A collection was then taken up, amounting to $130, for the needy families of volunteers. A resolution was also unanimously passed condemning the treasonable utterances of the Chicago *Times*, and requesting news dealers to refrain from selling it. The meeting was one of the largest and most enthusiastic ever held in the county.

Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce.

At the opening of the new rooms of the Chamber of Commerce at Milwaukee a day or two since, a very able address was delivered by Thos. WARNER, Esq., a well known merchant of that city, on the "Progress and Development of Wisconsin." As soon as our space permits, we will call a few paragraphs from it, which cannot fail to interest our readers.

☞ The Copperheads are getting frightened. But a few weeks ago the Muscatine (Iowa) *Courier*—a sickly Copperhead organ—argued strenuously for a revolution to overthrow the Administration, and urged the use of the bayonet for that purpose. But it begins to hear thunder, and cries for mercy. It makes a pathetic and lachrymose appeal to "individuals of the Republican party who still possess cool and dispassionate minds," not to sanction the organization of military companies in Muscatine county. It now is for appealing to the ballot-box instead of the bayonet. The poor tory lacks pluck.

☞ The Copperheads are greatly disgusted with Bolleau, of the Philadelphia *Evening Journal*. He had a first class martyrship offered him, which he utterly refused, but on the contrary, humbly begged Gen. Schenck's pardon, and promised all manner of reform for the future. And thus the Copperheads have lost a beautiful "Bastile" case, "without the Bible," etc. Bolleau, you'll be read out of your party, see if you aren't.

JUDGE LUDLOW.—The Judge Ludlow, of Philadelphia, who made such an ado over the arrest of Bolleau, made a speech in Washington, in 1856, in which he declared that if William H. Seward should be elected President of the United States, he would be in favor of a dissolution of the Union, and that the South would be justified in dissolving the Union in such an event. This relieves his friends from any surprise at his present treasonable course.

☞ The Louisville *Democrat* rebukes the disloyalty of its partisans as follows:

"There can be no true Democracy while treason keeps its armies in the field, except war Democracy. The office hunters who at a time like this preach peace, peace, in the North, may be Democrats in name, but in reality they are tories and traitors who would be in arms against their Government were they living in the so-called Confederacy."

☞ Edward S. Terry, a few years since an eminent lawyer in New York, and at one time a partner of Charles O'Conor, was found dead in a low drinking saloon in that city. He had for the past year given up entirely to his passion for strong drink.

☞ John Kelley of Co. D, 14th Illinois Cavalry, was accidentally shot dead by one of his comrades, at Camp Peoria, on Wednesday last.

SPRINGFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 5, 1863.

THE COPPERHEADS CAST DOWN.

A leading article in the St. Louis *Republican*, denouncing the scheme of a Northwestern Confederacy, and separation from New England, has a terrible withering effect upon the Copperheads here. It was a 13 inch bomb shell thrown into the midst of a brigade of infantry heavily massed. Confusion worse confounded reigned for a while. The bad news from Charleston was a compensation, however, and the Secesh comforted themselves as well as they could therewith.

THE CHICAGO COURTS.

There is a good deal of lobbying about the Chicago Courts, which always appear to be a fruitful source of corruption and chicanery in our Legislature, making it actually disgraceful to the State and city.

These sort of assaults upon the judiciary are certainly the greatest outrages committed in our Legislature and a disgrace to our form of government. And they all will be found to proceed from private malice against certain individual judges, or from parties interested in obtaining their places. The three Judges of the Superior Court and and the present Judge of the Recorder's Court have no superiors on the Bench in the State. The attempt to disrobe them proceeds from men who are not worthy to untie their shoe latchets.

A new bill has now been drawn up, which proposes to let the Recorder's Court stand, and allow the Governor to appoint two judges of the Superior Court.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

In the House the Chicago Charter was again up.

Mr. Eastman moved an amendment, that it be submitted to a vote of the people, but this exploded idea of popular sovereignty was promptly voted down.

Mr. Brentano moved that a right of appeal against the decision of the Board of Commissioners of Reform School be granted. This was also voted down.

He also moved that a right of appeal be granted against the decision of the Board of Police Commissioners, in cases of policemen tried before them. This was also voted down.

Mr. Brentano moved to strike out freeholds as a qualification of Board of Police Commissioners and Board of Public Works. This was also lost. The bill inserting a right of Courts to charge grand juries in cases of illegal arrests was passed.

The following resolutions were presented as a minority (Republican) report from the Committee on Federal Relations. They will be discussed at the same time as the resolutions of the majority:

The minority of your Committee on Federal Relations beg leave to submit the following report.

Resolved, That in the present condition of our national affairs and the existence of the troubles which surround our country, it is the duty of all and Mr. Ogden voting in the affirmative, and every Republican, with the exception of Mr. Ogden voting in the negative.

It will be no more interesting to your readers than it was to your correspondent to find Mr. Ogden, who was sent here *to represent the Republican district of Cook county by a Republican majority of 5,000 votes*, thus betraying his party and every principle of liberty and humanity. Is Mr. Ogden (one of the wealthiest men in the State) unwilling to bear his share of taxation, necessary to relieve the Border States from that most foul and damnable of all curses, human slavery?

The bill for an act amending the several acts incorporating the city of Chicago, was read three and referred to the Senators from Cook county as a special committee.

Senator Rodgers from the special Committee to whom was referred the bill for an act amendatory to the black laws, offered a substitute, which was agreed upon by the two Democratic members of the Committee, without even once consulting Mr. Ward, the Republican member thereof.

This is another striking evidence of the boasted fairness of Democratic Senators. When the question upon the re-committal of the bill was under discussion, Mr. Green declared, that to re-commit the bill would be equivalent to killing it, whereupon he was assured by the Speaker, Governor Hoffman, that in accordance with parliamentary usage the bill would by him be committed to his friends. The Speaker was faithful to his promise, and appointed Rodgers, Green and Ward, and now Messrs. Rodgers and Green prepare and report a substitute without at all consulting Mr. Ward.

The bill is an improvement upon the former; it is purely Democratic, i. e., inhuman in all its features.

The Speaker, after the report was read, stated the bill to be upon its second reading, whenever that order would be reached in the regular course of the business. The Democratic Senators, anxious to pass the bill at once, took exception to this decision of the chair, upon which a lengthy debate arose, in which the Lieutenant Governor participated with much spirit.

Mr. Underwood appealed from the decision of the chair, and Mr. Mack, desirous of relieving the Speaker, moved to adjourn, which motion, however, the Speaker refused to entertain, being determined to have his decision either sustained or set aside by the Senate.

Considerable merriment arose out of the unconditional refusal of the Speaker to entertain any motion other than relating to his decision, and the question being finally put, the Lieut. Governor was triumphantly sustained, all the Republicans and a large majority of the opposition endorsing his decision.

WHAT GEN. LOGAN REALLY SAID.

The Springfield *Journal* has been headed a letter from a prominent citizen of this State, now an officer in Gen. Grant's Department, dated Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 30, 1863. In it is the following:

Gen. John A. Logan says he would like to take his division up to Illinois and annihilate the traitors there. The army generally would like to clean out the traitors' nest, and make our State and Indiana to that place where a drop of cold water would be more agreeable to them than the sign of the Golden Circle."

DISTINGUISHED ARRIVALS.

Gen. John M. Palmer, from Gen. Rosecrans' army, is here. I had the pleasure of meeting him. He says that army is unalterably opposed to the treasonable and factious and bitter attacks of the Democracy upon the Administration, and that he hopes the Administration will not falter in its course to crush out treason. He says that the

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Chicago Tribune.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1862.

THE CITY.

From Annals—The Dark Days—

Upon awaking on Thursday morning by first light, it was found that the darkness which had settled down upon the city during the night was not only undiminished, but was even more dense than it had been at any time during the previous day. The fog was of the same character as that which had prevailed for the two days preceding, and was, if anything, more dense and impenetrable. Objects could be seen but a few feet distant, and the streets presented a most singular appearance. Gas lamps were lighted in the stores and offices, and the whole city had the appearance of being enveloped in a dense cloud of smoke. The fog was not of the usual character, but was of a yellowish color, and was very disagreeable to the eyes and throat. Many persons were unable to go to their business, and the streets were almost deserted. The fog was so dense that it was impossible to see from one side of the street to the other, and the